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Capitol Cloakroom, at 12:30 P.M. over WRCB (Washington) and the CBS
Radio Network;

Guest: Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., Dem. of North Carolina.
Panel of newsmen:

CPYRGHT

QUESTION: "Would you include in your budget an appropriation for the
continued manufacture of U-2 planes?"

ERVIN: "Yes."

QUESTION: "Do you think those flights should continue?"

ERVIN: "I think as long as Russia abhors -- as it is undoubtedly doing -- to
have a program for conquering or subjugating the world, that it's necessary
for us to get information which will prevent the world being subjected to that
flight will a universal Pearl Harbor."

QUESTION: "But can the U-2 flights be resumed, in the light of what has
happened, and how they've been compromised?"

ERVIN: "Well, as Senator Kerr said, that the President said it was necessary
for our national defense to have the U-2 flights, and that therefore he was going
to put an end to them, until his term of office expires. I think that Russia has
a program of conquering the world, and since Russia excludes foreigners from vast
areas of Russia, that it's essential for us to use whatever method is necessary to
acquire intelligence as to what Russia is preparing to do."

QUESTION: "But taking into consideration the fact that they have now been
stopped -- that the U-2 flights have been brought to the attention of the whole world,
that our allies who have the bases from which the U-2 flights take off have been
CPYRGHTly put on notice as being a part of these flights, and that the Soviet Union
has made strong threats against them. Can they actually be resumed -- is it possible?"

ERVIN: "Well, apparently they were carried on for three or four years before
anybody knew it."

QUESTION: "Yes, but something has now happened, or don't you think it has?"

ERVIN: "Well, I think that you've got to get information, if you can't get
it from one source, you've got to get it from another."

QUESTION: "Yes, but can we openly admit that we have violated international
law, and justify these things?"